

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **NAKAMURA, Yasuaki**

Application No.: 10/594,178

National Phase of PCT/US05/005310

Filing Date: 11/03/08

Title: **Flow rate regulation filter, and fuel container
for fuel cell**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Attorney Docket No. 06-08-3109

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF
DEFECTIVE RESPONSE DATED 02/05/2009**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application and claims as follows and consider the following remarks. No new matter has been introduced.

This preliminary amendment removes multiple dependent claims and is therefore also being submitted in response to the Notification of Defective Response dated 02/05/2009 for additional claim fees of \$390 for the multiple dependent claim surcharge.